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THE EKLOF HOUSE
Ellicott City
Private

nineteenth century

The Eklof House is a three bay wide, one room deep, two and a half story gabled roof (running north-south) frame house built on a stone foundation with intersecting central gable holding a rectangular, double-hung window with four-over-four lites. Brick chimneys are inset into its north and south walls, with that on the north inscribed 1887. It is attached to a three bay wide, one room deep two story high frame structure resting on a stone foundation which was constructed in two sections. The one bay wide kitchen with wide stone chimney rising from the stone foundation on the east wall being the original structure.

It is noted on the Martinet Map of 1860 and the Hopkins Atlas of 1878 as belonging to Chris Rappanier

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: The Eklof House				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Chews Vineyard				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 494 New Cut Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Howard		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Mr. & Mrs. Gustav Eklof, Jr.				
STREET AND NUMBER: 494 New Cut Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City		STATE: Maryland 21043		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records				
STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Courthouse				
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City		STATE: Maryland 21043		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Deed- Map 25				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland 21401		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Eklof House is built in the form of a T facing east on the north side of New Cut Road one mile east of Old Montgomery Road.

A three bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story, gabled roof (running north-south) frame house is covered with aluminum siding and rests on a stone foundation covered with stucco. A central intersecting dormer window lies flush with the east wall which holds a rectangular double-hung window with 4-over-4 lites.

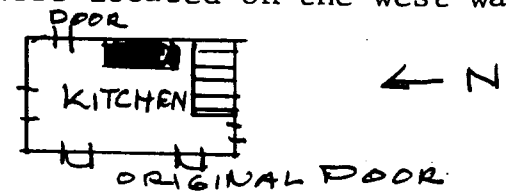
A central rectangular first floor entrance holds 12 lites. A one story high hipped roof semi-enclosed porch lies along the east elevation supported by four square wooden posts and approached by six cement stairs on the north. Six brick piles support the wooden porch floor.

The north and south elevations are identical, holding two basement six lite windows, two rectangular double-hung first and second floor windows, vertically aligned and proportionally scaled with six-over-six lites and two double-hung small attic windows holding four-over-four lites. A square brick chimney is inset into the north and south walls. All the windows above the basement foundation are decorated with shutters.

West Wing and Earlier Structure

A three bay wide, one bay deep gabled roof (running east-west) two story frame west wing springs from the west wall. In an examination of the basement and the height of the roof rafters it is certain that the present kitchen or the west bay of this section of the house was the earliest structure with a wide central stone chimney on the east wall, and staircase along the south wall. Two rectangular doors were located on the west wall

PLAN OF ORIGINAL HOUSE



when the Eklofs bought the house some thirty years ago. The other two bays were added soon after as the log supporting beams in the basement give evidence that both these sections were built at very nearly the same time.

South Wall of the West Wing

The south wall of the west wing holds two first floor windows and three second floor windows, similar to those described.

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West Wall of West Wing

Along its west wall lies a shed roofed, one bay deep, two bay wide, one story high frame appendage with rectangular entrance door in the north bay. A rectangular window similar to the others rests in the south bay, while a rectangular first floor window is centered in its south wall. A horizontal, rectangular two lite window rests in its north wall. A second floor window is centered in the gable end of the west wing whose eaves are decorated with scalloped barge boards.

The North Wall of the West Wing

The north wall holds three first floor and three second floor windows, similar to those described with rectangular, 15 lite entrance door in the second east bay. A cement patio lies along the first two east bays of this wall, affording an approach to the north entrance door. Four cement steps lead to this landing.

Cement block buildings lie west of the house, which is located on high ground overlooking New Cut Road and surrounded by lawn and mature trees. Six underground springs are located on the property.

An old stone spring house stood at one time north of the kitchen. It has been demolished and covered. An inside pump for it is located in the basement.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) circa 1887

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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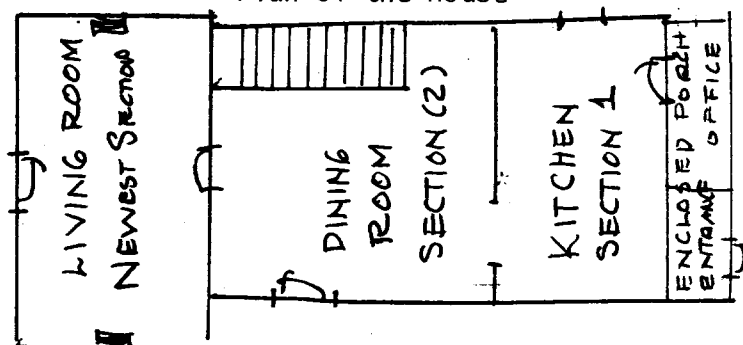
Mr. and Mrs. Eklot have owned this lovely old Howard County frame farmhouse for some thirty years. On both the Martinette Map of 1860 and the Hopkins Atlas of 1878 (see attachments 3 and 4) it is identified as a 25 acre tract with residence belonging to Mr. Christ Rappanior. The earliest part of the house, the kitchen west wing may date back to the 18th century. The stone foundation is built in three sections (see plan): 1) the kitchen section, 2) the dining room section, and 3) the living room section (1887).

Section 1

The kitchen section had a large cooking fireplace in the basement which is now blocked off. It had one first floor room and one second floor room and was built with weatherboard German siding. The ceilings and doorways are uneven. An open hearth was originally on the first floor, but has since been covered in. The supporting beams in the basement are of log and continue through to the second section, indicating a very early addition. The bedroom above the kitchen has a lower ceiling than the bedroom above the dining room, indicating a separate period of construction. Both, however, are quite modest in scale, revealing a circa 1820 construction date. No stairs went down to the basement. The outside cellar steps on the south wall are made out of old, granite blocks.

The newest section of the house, the east wing has random width floors and north and south chimneys. The brick chimney on the north has a date cut into one of the bricks in the attic which looks like the date 1887. These chimneys were used for stoves rather than fireplaces. This fact, as well as the three inch thick supporting beams in the basement reveal this to be the newer part of the house.

Plan of the House



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Significance (continued)

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The whole house was at one time covered with cedar shingles. Mr. Eklof has insulated it and added aluminum siding for easy maintenance.

In addition, he has torn down the old stone spring house and covered the well, drawing the water with an inside pump.

The road from Newcut Road up to the house was virtually cut from the wilderness and land cleared around the house which stands on a steep hill overlooking New Cut Road.

The architectural significance of the house is enhanced by the sound maintenance and sensitivity to what already exists. In addition, the stairs to the basement and the second floor have been thoughtfully executed and in no way detract from the overall plan and composition of the house.

This house in conjunction with others along New Cut Road and along Columbia Pike have potential as a future historic district. The land remains virtually untouched except for the Stone Crest subdivision along Montgomery Road and some small residential areas off Columbia Pike.

For these reasons the Eklot House should be considered for inclusion to the National Register, the State Critical Areas Program and any future local landmark legislation.

In the 1966 Preservation Act it was reiterated that not only our great mansions, but our old farmhouses should be placed on the Register. The Eklof House is a fine example of an old Howard County farmhouse.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Attachments 3 and 4.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 27.8 acres

Please see attachment 1, Map 25, Blk. 19, p. 71 189-486

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see attachment 1

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
<u>Maryland</u>	<u>Howard</u>
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	DATE
Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist	May, 1977
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Comprehensive Planning Section	465-5000, Ext. 257
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
3450 Courthouse Dr.	
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Ellicott City	Maryland 21043

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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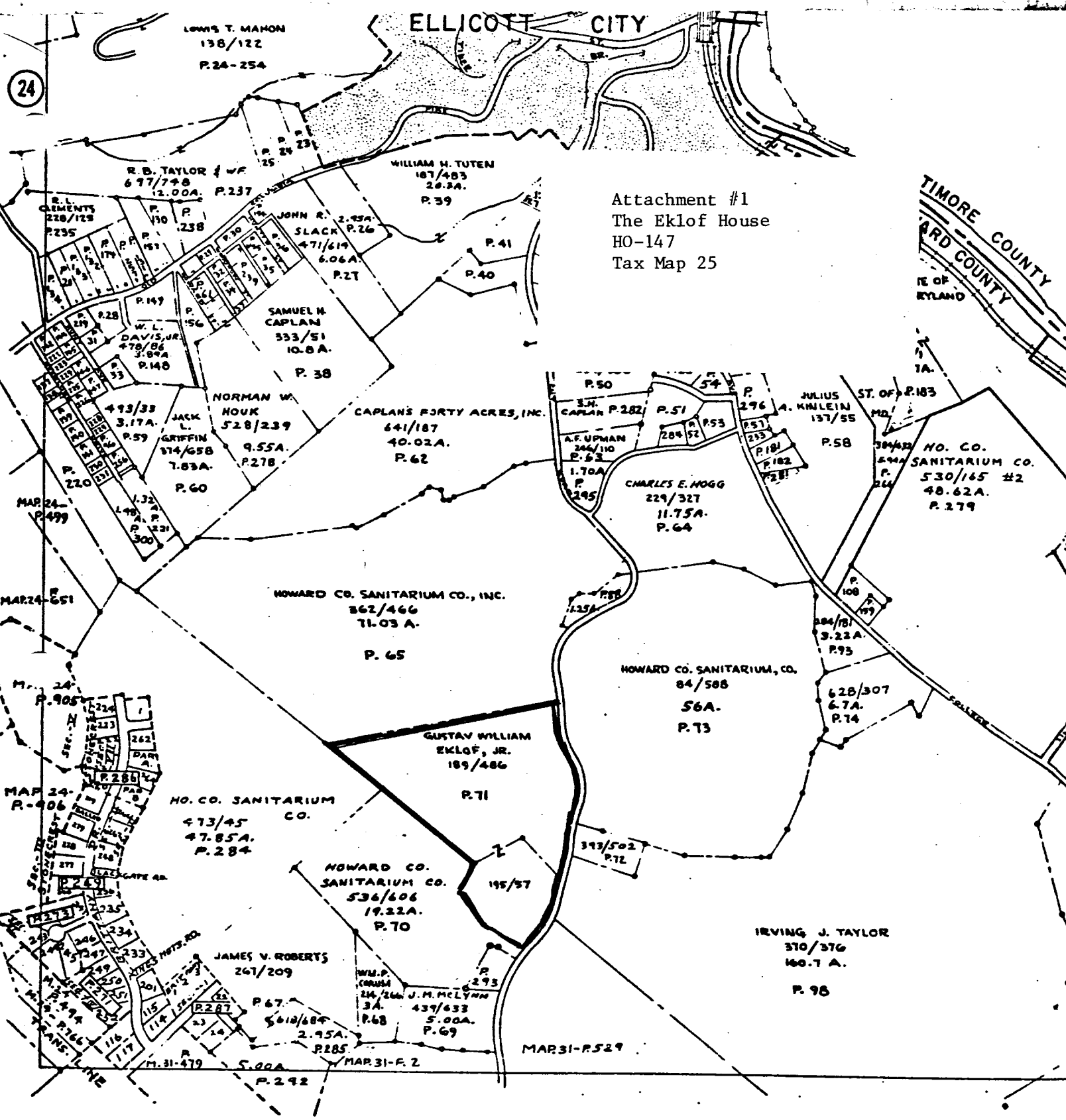
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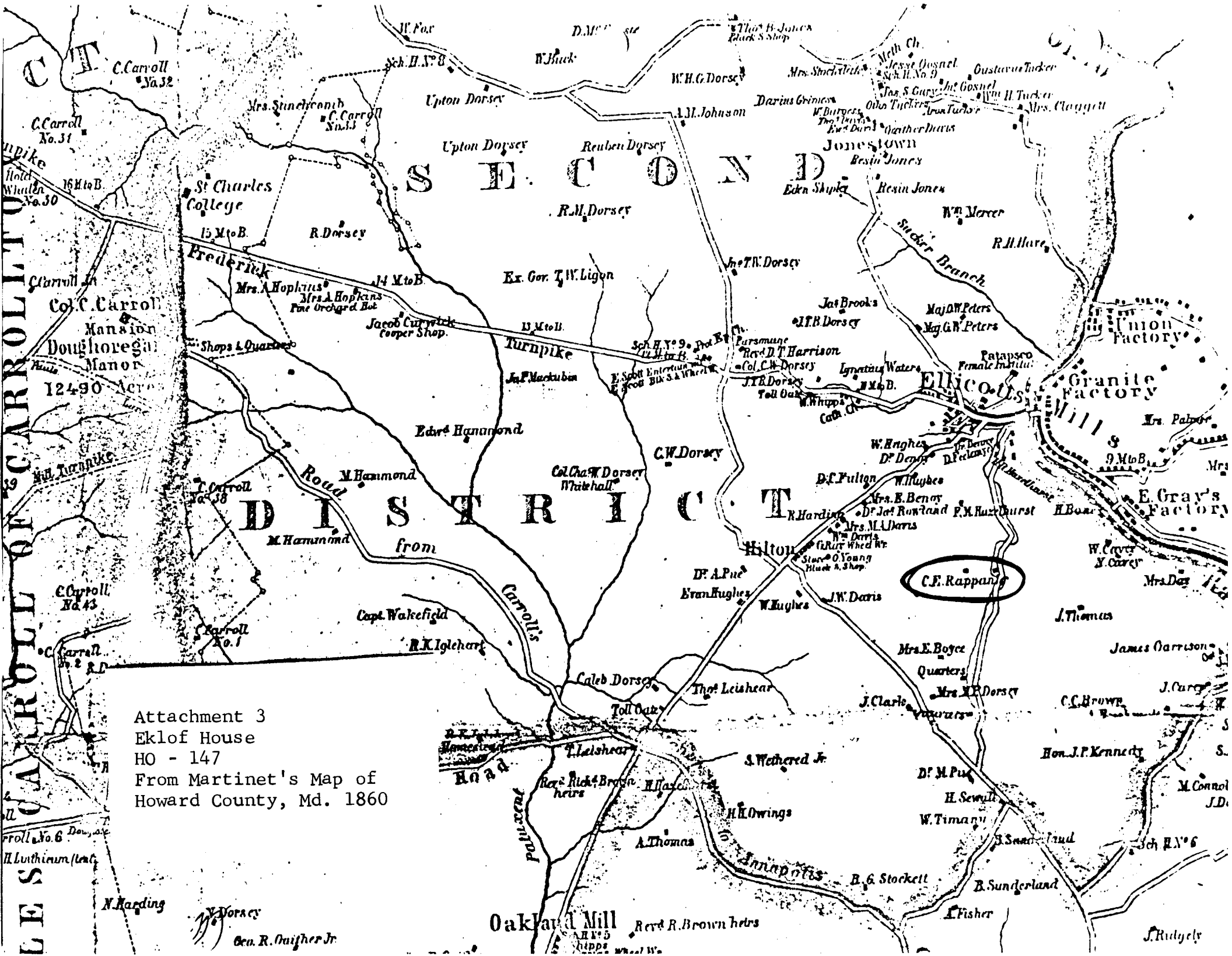
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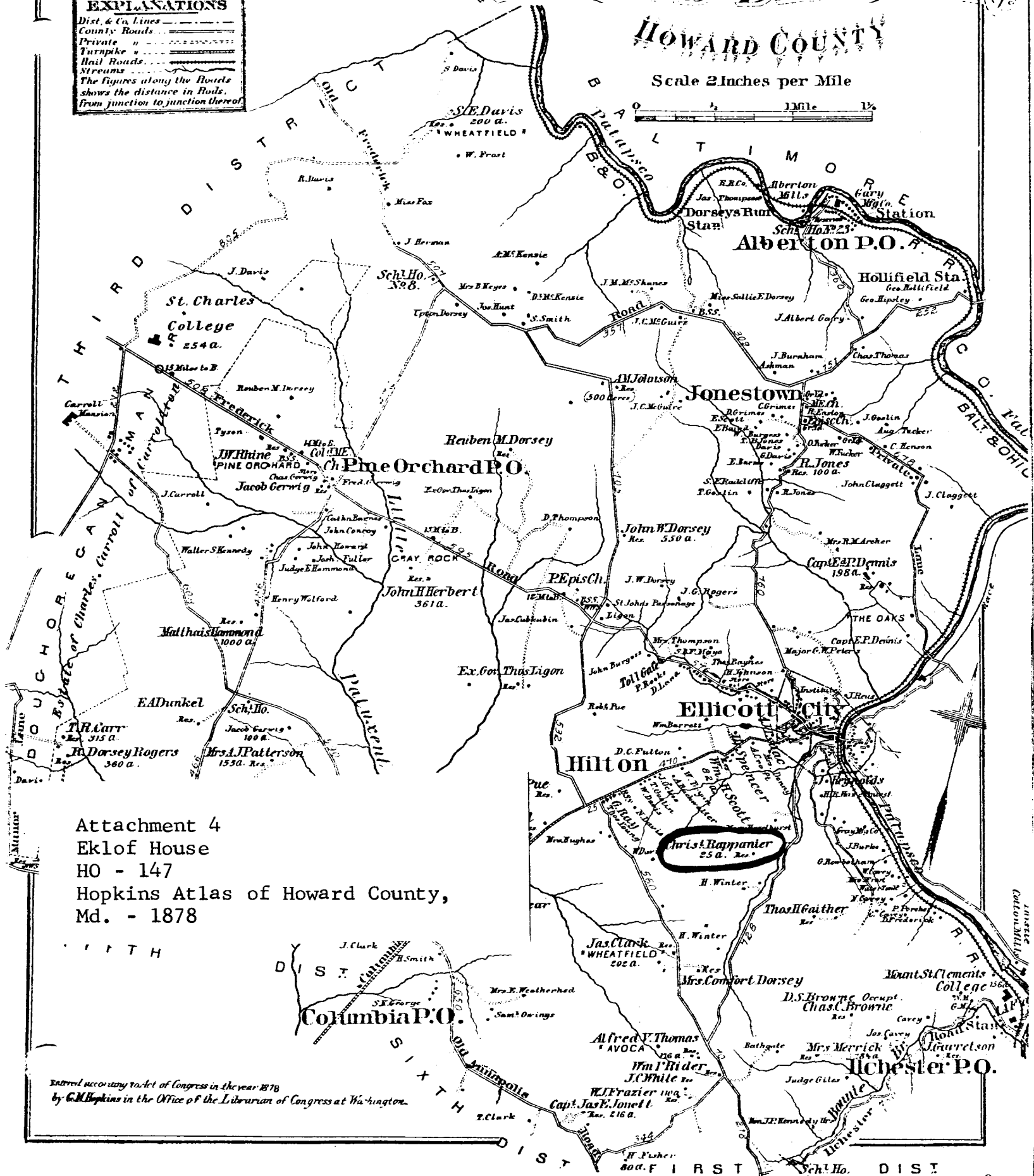
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Attachment 3
Eklof House
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From Martinet's Map of
Howard County, Md. 1860

HOWARD COUNTY

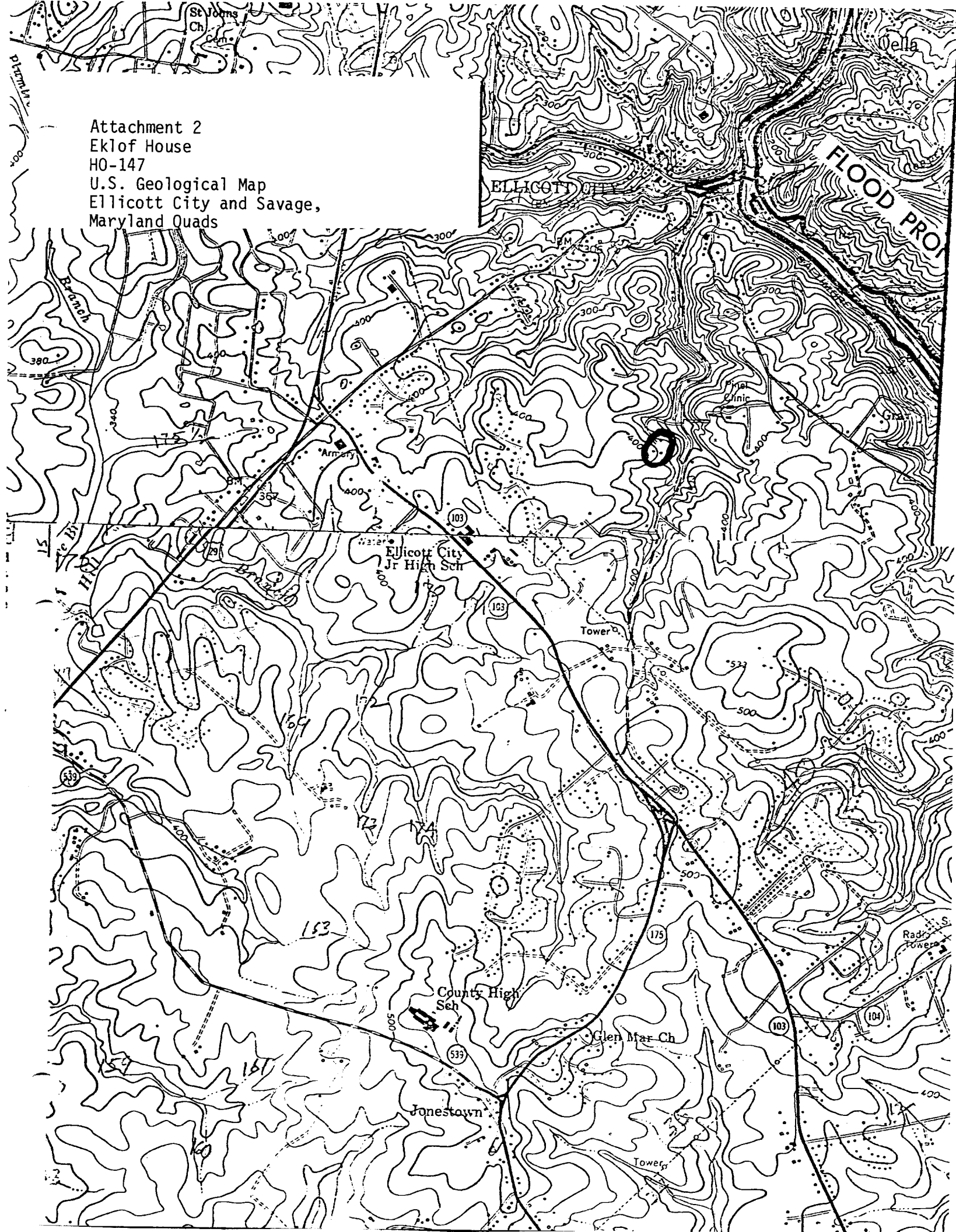
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Dist. & Co. Lines
County Roads
Private "
Turnpike "
Rail Roads
Streams
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shows the distance in Roads
from junction to junction thereof



Attachment 4
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Hopkins Atlas of Howard County,
Md. - 1878

Entered according to Act of Congress in the year 1878
by G. M. Hopkins in the Office of the Librarian of Congress at Washington.

Attachment 2
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U.S. Geological Map
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Maryland Quads





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